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In recent years, however, the Agency and the foreign intelligence profession have been subject to intense criticism in academia. Although much of it was generated by false allegations and by practices and isolated abuses that have been prohibited by the reforms of the last few years, doubts about CIA's mission, standards, and record remain. A climate of suspicion and mistrust now all too often clouds our relations with the academic community.

One of my principal objectives as Director of Central Intelligence is to restore a high degree of mutual respect and understanding between the academic and intelligence communities. My own experience is filled with examples where cooperation between professionals in the two fields has been mutually beneficial both to the individuals and the communities at large. CIA desires the freest possible access to the intellectual resources of America's institutions of higher education to enhance our research and analytical efforts. Conversely, the academic community can gain unique insights, conclusions, and data about foreign areas and international affairs from open exchanges with the Agency. I look forward to the day when a cooperative spirit between the two communities thrives once again.

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